

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION

JAMES A. SMITH, et al.,)
Plaintiffs,)
v.) CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:05cv1198-T
KANSAS CITY LIFE INS. CO., et al.,)
Defendants.)

ORDER

The parties are hereby reminded of the obligation, imposed by Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, to confer and to develop a proposed discovery plan and other information as required for filing the report of the parties' planning meeting. The Rule 26(f) report containing the discovery plan shall be filed as soon as practicable but not later than January 4, 2006.

The longstanding practice in this district is that dispositive motions shall be filed no later than 90 days prior to the pretrial date. If the parties seek to vary from that schedule, they should present, in the plan, specific case related reasons for the requested variance. This case will be set for trial before the presiding judge during one of the regularly scheduled joint chambers civil trial terms, the dates for which are available on the court's website, www.almd.uscourts.gov. The pretrial date is normally set within 4 - 6 weeks of a scheduled trial term. The court may or may not hold a scheduling conference before issuing a scheduling order. If the court holds a scheduling conference, counsel may participate in the scheduling conference by conference call. The scheduling order entered by the court generally will follow the form of the Uniform Scheduling Order adopted by the Judges of this court. The Uniform Scheduling Order is also available on the court's website. The report of the parties should comply with Form 35 of the Appendix of Forms to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

DONE, this 20th day of December, 2005.

/s/ Susan Russ Walker

SUSAN RUSS WALKER
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE